AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) An absorbent article comprising:

an absorbent body,

a liquid-permeable covering layer arranged over a first surface of the

absorbent body, and

a liquid-permeable liquid-transfer layer arranged between the absorbent body

and the liquid-permeable covering layer, said liquid-permeable liquid-transfer layer

being immediately adjacent said first surface of the absorbent body,

wherein the liquid-permeable covering layer comprises a nonwoven material

with a pore volume distribution curve with a maximum at a pore radius greater than

or equal to 50 µm and with a wetting angle of at least 120°, and

wherein the liquid-transfer layer comprises a fibrous layer with a pore volume

distribution curve with a maximum at a pore radius of from 105 to 325 µm.

2. (Original) The absorbent article according to Claim 1, wherein the

liquid-permeable covering layer has a pore volume distribution curve with a

maximum at a pore radius greater than or equal to 55 μ m.

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3. (Original) The absorbent article according to Claim 2, wherein the

liquid-permeable covering layer has a pore volume distribution curve with a

maximum at a pore radius of from 55 μm to 60 μm.

4. (Original) The absorbent article according to Claim 1, wherein the

liquid-permeable covering layer comprises fibers with a fiber fineness of at least 5

dtex.

5. (Original) The absorbent article according to Claim 1, wherein the

liquid-permeable covering layer has a basis weight of at most 15 g/m².

6. (Original) The absorbent article according to Claim 1, wherein the

liquid-permeable covering layer comprises a spunbond nonwoven.

7. (Original) The absorbent article according to Claim 1, wherein the

liquid-transfer layer comprises a polyester wadding bonded with a binding agent.

8. (Original) The absorbent article according to Claim 1, wherein the

liquid-transfer layer has a pore volume distribution curve with a maximum at a pore

radius of from 115 µm to 185 µm.

9. (Original) The absorbent article according to Claim 8, wherein the

liquid-transfer layer has a pore volume distribution curve with a maximum at a pore

radius of from 135 µm to 155 µm.

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10. (Original) The absorbent article according to Claim 1, wherein the

liquid-transfer layer has a cumulative pore volume in the pore size range of from 110

to 350 µm which is more than 60% of the total pore volume.

11. (Original) The absorbent article according to Claim 10, wherein the

liquid-transfer layer has a cumulative pore volume in the pore size range of from 120

to 230 µm which is more than 40% of the total pore volume.

12. (Original) The absorbent article according to Claim 11, wherein the

liquid-transfer layer has a cumulative pore volume in the pore size range of from 150

to 180 µm which is more than 15% of the total pore volume.

13. (Original) The absorbent article according to Claim 1, wherein the

liquid-transfer layer comprises fibers with a fiber fineness of from 6.7 to 11 dtex.

14. (Original) The absorbent article according to Claim 1, wherein the

liquid-transfer layer has a basis weight of from 10 gsm to 100 gsm, and a bulk of at

least 15 cm³/g measured at a load of 0.1 kPa.

15. (Original) The absorbent article according to Claim 1, wherein the

liquid-transfer layer has a pore volume distribution curve with a maximum located at

from 155 µm to 165 µm in combination with a cumulative liquid volume of 0.1

mm³/mg of sample or more in pores with radii smaller than or equal to 25 μm.

16. (Original) The absorbent article according to Claim 1, wherein the article comprises a liquid-impermeable covering layer located over a second surface on the absorbent body opposite the first surface, and in that the liquid-permeable covering layer and the liquid-impermeable covering layer together enclose the

17. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according to Claim 1, wherein the first surface on the absorbent body defines a user-facing surface.

18. (Canceled)

absorbent body.

- 19. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according to Claim 1, wherein the absorbent body comprises one or more layers of material.
 - 20. (Canceled)
- 21. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according to Claim 1, wherein said liquid-permeable liquid-transfer layer is immediately adjacent said liquid-permeable covering layer.
 - 22. (New) An absorbent article comprising: an absorbent body,
- a liquid-permeable covering layer arranged over a first surface of the absorbent body, and

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a liquid-permeable liquid-transfer layer arranged between the absorbent body

and the liquid-permeable covering layer, said liquid-permeable liquid-transfer layer

being immediately adjacent said first surface of the absorbent body,

wherein the liquid-permeable covering layer comprises a nonwoven material

with a pore volume distribution curve with a maximum at a pore radius greater than

or equal to 50 µm and with a wetting angle of at least 120°, and wherein the liquid-

permeable covering layer comprises fibers with a fiber fineness of at least 5 dtex,

and

wherein the liquid-transfer layer comprises a fibrous layer with a pore volume

distribution curve with a maximum at a pore radius of from 105 to 325 µm and

wherein the liquid-transfer layer comprises fibers with a fiber fineness of from 6.7 to

11 dtex.

23. (New) The absorbent article according to Claim 22, wherein the liquid-

transfer layer has a cumulative pore volume in the pore size range of from 110 to

350 µm which is more than 60% of the total pore volume.